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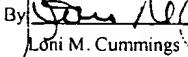
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MICHAEL A. EVANS et al.

Application No.: 09/388,294

Filed: September 1, 1999

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR ACCESSING AND
TREATING BODY LUMENS

Examiner: SIRMONS, K.

Art Unit: 3763

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2000 , please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-32, and 39-41. Please amend claim 36 as follows.

Please add new claims 42-45 as follows. All pending claims are reproduced for convenient reference.

Please cancel claims 1-32.

- 1 33. (As filed) A device for positioning a filament in a body lumen, said device
- 2 comprising:
- 3 a catheter which can be introduced through a first access penetration into the body lumen; and